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1. IN MEETING OF POLITICAL COUNSELOR WITH EXTAFF
DIRGEN OF BUREAU OF DEFENCE AND ARMS CONTROL AFFAIRS
IN WHICH WE STATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL (A)
URGENCY WHICH WE ATTACH TO OUR NATO ALLIES TAKING
IMMEDIATE AND DECISIVE ACTION IN ADOPTING BURDEN-
SHARING MEASURES, CAMERON STATED GOC POSITION AS
FOLLOWS:

A. CANADA IS VERY CONSCIOUS OF SERIOUSNESS AND
URGENCY OF RESOLVING BURDENSARING PROBLEM, AND
RECOGNIZES IMPLICATIONS ANY U.S. SENATE ACTION WOULD
HAVE ON NEGOTIATING POSTURE VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIET UNION
IN MBFR.

B. HOWEVER, GOC HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SOUGHT
CLARIFICATION IN WASHINGTON OF \$122 MILLION U.S.
MILITARY BOP DEFICIT WITH CANADA LISTED IN DOCUMENT
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U.S. DELEGATION TO NATO SUBMITTED IN BRUSSELS.

CANADIANS DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS. IT LOOKS LIKE IT IS BASED ON NORTH AMERICAN DEFENSE COSTS BUT IN THE PAST (OR AT LEAST UP UNTIL THE PRESENT) IT WAS THE CANADIAN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE U.S. WANTED TO KEEP US-CANADIAN DEFENSE COOPERATION IN NORTH AMERICA SEPARATE FROM DEFENSE EFFORT IN WESTERN EUROPE. U.S. DOCUMENTS SUGGEST USG HAS DECIDED TO BRING THESE TWO EFFORTS TOGETHER.

C. UNTIL GOC HAS RECEIVED CLARIFICATION ON THIS POINT CANADA'S NATO DELEGATION HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RESERVE ITS POSITION ON ANY FINDINGS OF SPECIAL WORKING GROUP ON BURDENSARING. (GOC ALSO WILL RESERVE ITS POSITION UNTIL THERE IS AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WORKING GROUP.)

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY OF DOCUMENT REFERRED TO BY CAMERON AS WELL AS BASIS OF DOLLAR FIGURE ATTRIBUTED TO U.S. MILITARY BOP WITH CANADA.

3. EMBASSY NOTED THAT REFTEL (C) REFERS TO "U.S. MILITARY BOP WITH EUROPEAN NATO COUNTRIES." IN THAT CONTEXT, IS U.S. MILITARY BOP WITH CANADA EXCLUDED?

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